

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
December 2, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Gene Hall, Commissioners JT Surlles and Stephen Walker. Chris Tuten was present telephonically. Also present were County Attorney Scott Shirley, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Planning Official Shannon Metty. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams was present telephonically.

1. Chairman Hall called the meeting to order and led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. There were no public announcements, presentations or awards.
3. Planning Official Shannon Metty introduced and gave an analysis of item 4a which is the application for a small scale comprehensive change of the Dickey property located on Jazmen Lane and St. Augustine Road. At that time, Chair Hall opened up the issue for a public hearing where several citizens spoke about the issue. Chair Hall closed the meeting and it was the Planning Departments recommendation not to approve the request. **On a motion by Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Surlles the Board voted 3 to 1 (Commissioner Hall with the dissenting vote) to follow the Planning Departments recommendation and deny the request.**
4. County Attorney Scott Shirley introduced item 4b, which was an update on the draft Noise Ordinance. He read through the draft ordinance and stated that at the next Board meeting he will set a time for a workshop to discuss in more depth.
5. Planning Official, Shannon Metty introduced item 4c which was the 300 Industrial Park Drive Lease Renewal. Tommy Hardy from Pop's Sanitation, one of the tenants discussed his desire to extend the lease for 3 more years and potentially purchase the property in the future. Several citizens spoke on behalf of Mr. Hardy and Pops Sanitation indicating that they had been a wonderful neighbor and local business. **On motion by Commissioner Surlles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board requested that a 3-year lease renewal with an option to buy be brought back to the Board in a future meeting.**
6. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced item 4d which was the discussion concerning the Aucilla Shores Volunteer Fire Department property. The issue is that the local Volunteer Fire Department does not have the resources to properly maintain the property. After input from the Fire Chief and County Attorney, a proposal will be forthcoming to consolidate it into the County. **On a motion by Commissioner Walker seconded by commissioner Surlles and unanimously carried, the Board requested Attorney Shirley to bring back a proposal to consolidate the land into the County.**
7. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams gave an update on item 4e, the status of the current road bond. Clerk Reams indicated that he was on a conference call yesterday with the bond brokers and they indicated that they wanted to move forward and they felt we would have funding in place by January 2022. Clerk Reams also shared that the accounting had crashed and that the 11/30/21 payroll was done manually. Therefore, everyone would be

receiving a paper check. He also stated the system should be up and running shortly with no data loss. Clerk Reams stated that as soon as possible the accounting system will be migrated to a cloud based application.

8. Item 4f, The MOU between the County and Health Department was discussed with no action item taken.
9. Planning Official, Shannon Metty gave an update on the NextEra remaining funds and the project updates concerning those funds.
10. Planning Official, Shannon Metty requested if she could get authorization by the Board to pay Langton & Associates over \$6,000 for prior invoices. **On a motion by Commissioner Walker seconded by commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board agree to pay Langton & Associates.**
11. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick led the discussion on holiday closures and gift cards. **On a motion by Commissioner Walker seconded by commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board agreed for the County to be closed on December 23rd, 24th and 30th and give out \$100 gift cards to full time employees and \$50 gift cards to part time employees.**
12. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

**Board of County Commissioners
Jefferson County, Florida**

Gene Hall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court